



Montana Section

American Water Works Association

**MSAWWA Board Meeting
MEETING MINUTES
Monday December 4, 2023—9 am
Virtual Meeting hosted by AE2S, Inc. on Microsoft Teams**

Agenda

Call To Order. Jason Fladland called the meeting to order.

Old Business

1. Approve minutes of Fall Meeting – The Board reviewed the meeting minutes, Carrie Gardner made a motion to approve, Keeley Barry seconded, the minutes were approved.
2. Discuss progress on Strategic Plan Goals/Objectives/Plans*— The Board reviewed the strategic goals and made updates as noted.
 - a. Carrie made a motion to change Task A to Montana Rural Water and for the Section to get a membership with Montana Rural Water, Andy Seconded, the motion carried.

New Business

1. Final 2023 Budget Report—Robin provided an update.
2. Discuss donation entity for 2023*— The board reviewed. Carrie made a motion to approve the \$500 donation to the AWWA Maui fund, Matt Mudd seconded, the motion carried.
3. 2024 Executive Secretary Contract—Board the reviewed the. Jason Fladland made a motion to renew the Executive Secretary Contact with a 5% annual increase, Keeley Barry seconded, the motion carried.
4. Prepare 2024 Budget—The Board prepared the 2024 budget, Keeley Barry made a motion to approve, Matt Mudd seconded, the budget was approved.
5. Director’s Report—Carrie Gardner provided a brief Director’s report.
6. MSAWWA Committee Reports:

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Board Oversight</u>	<u>Committee Chair</u>
Awards	Vice Chair—Matt Mudd Jr. Trustee—Andy Schultz	Denver Fraser Matt provide a report. Keeley made a motion, Andy seconded.

Education	Sr. Trustee—Jarrett Moran	Ben Rigby & Mohammad Mozaffari Co-Chairs No Updates available.
Fuller Award	Director—Carrie Gardner	Craig Woolard No additional updates since the fall meeting.
Legislative	Vice Chair—Matt Mudd	Nate Weisenburger Board will support second person attending the DC Fly-in, committee will let the Board know who that individual is.
Membership	Sr. Trustee—Jarrett Moran	Matt Mudd No additional updates since the fall meeting.
Water for People	Vice Chair—Matt Mudd	Carrie Gardner No additional updates since the fall meeting.

7. Joint Committee Reports

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Board Oversight</u>	<u>Committee Chair</u>
Cross-connection	MSAWWA Sec/Treasurer— David Carlson	Barb Coffman David will follow-up with Barb for an update at the Spring meeting.
Exhibitors	MSAWWA Sr. Trustee— Jarrett Moran	Collette Anderson No additional updates since the fall meeting.
Host City	MSAWWA Chair— Jason Fladland	Ross Mollenhauer— Robin noted no additional

		updates since the fall meeting. Committee is working away getting ready for spring.
Information Management	MSAWWA Jr. Trustee— Andy Schultz	Dave Carlson Information Mgt Committee is looking into a Linkd'in page this winter for the Section.
Lifetime Achievement	MSAWWA Director— Carrie Gardner	Jeremy Perlinski No new updates beyond the fall joint meeting.
Program	MSAWWA Chair— Jason Fladland	Amy Deitchler Robin provided an update that Program committee is working on call for abstracts.
Public Education	MSAWWA Vice Chair— Matt Mudd	Rika Lashley No additional updates since the fall meeting.
Scholarship	MSAWWA Past Chair— Keeley McBryde	Greg Lukasik & Jackie Kuhl Co-chairs No additional updates since the fall meeting.
Student & Young Professional	MSAWWA Past Chair— Keeley McBryde	Alex Ciessau & Nina Denny Co-chairs No additional updates since the fall meeting.

8. Nominations for Junior Trustee*—Director/Carrie Gardner. Board discussed candidates that could be consider for nomination at the spring meeting.
9. 2024 Conference Update— Robin provided updates on the upcoming 2024 conference in Missoula, all the appropriate committees are in motion.
10. Committee task lists-assignments—Robin provided the Operator plan, the board oversight will be responsible for developing a few action activities for each.

11. Participation as Associate Member of MRWS— The Board discussed and supported becoming a member with MRWS and approved a motion above.

12. Paying for Operator Meritorious awardee membership—was this approved?—Robin

13. 2024 EPA/USDA Training update—Robin provided some update, The Board voted to approve offering Ben Rigby \$1,500 for conducting the training.

14. Other Business—

- a. 2024 Membership Summit: Denver/January 24-26, 2024: Carrie & Robin will both plan to attend virtually.
- b. 2024 YP Summit: Portland/February 11-13, 2024: Both S&YP chairs are planning to attend.
- c. 2024 AWWA Fly In: April 10-11, 2024: Legislative committee will finalize the attendee list, Nate and 1 utility member is budgeted to attend.
- d. ACE24: Anaheim/June 10-13, 2024 – Board will review the schedule, Keeley is tentatively planning to attend.
- e. 2024 Summer Workshop: Denver/July 2024: The Board discussed sending Andy Schultz.
- f. 2024 RMSO: Texas/September or October, 2024: The Board will review schedules and check attendance.

15. Adjourn

Keeley made a motion to adjourn, Andy seconded, the meeting was adjourned.

*Leave as standing item on winter board meeting agenda

Action Items: